Duty hours of visiting doctors in CGHS dispensaries

6679. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the duty hours of the specialist doctors who visit the CGHS dispensaries in Delhi;

(b) whether these specialists are under the over-all administrative control of the medical officers-incharge of the dispensaries in the matter of punctuality, regularity and discipline, and

(c) if not, how their punctuality and regularity in the performance of their duty is watched?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Duty hours of Specialists are from 9.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m. They are under the administrative control of the respective hospital authorities. Some Specialists are given duties of visiting the CGHS dispensaries on fixed days at fixed timing and they examine all the patients listed for specialist consultation on such days.

Cases of medical reimbursement pending in the DGHS

6680. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of reimbursement cases pending in the DGHS as on the 30th April, 1994, those pending for more than three months, those pending for more then six months and those pending for more than one year;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in the disposal of such cases; what are the instructions/guidelines for ansuring their prompt disposal;

(c) whether the media repor's in this regard are being looked into and if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to depute an officer of the rank of Joint Secretary to ensure the prompt disposal of such cases so as to avoid inconvanience and harashment to the serving and retired employees?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The break-up of 397 reimbursement claims pending as on 30th April, 1994 is as follows:—

More than 3 months : 59

More than 6 months : 79

More than 1 year : 15

Remaining 244 bills are far less than 3 months.

(b) Generally, there is no delay in case reimbursement claims are received complete in all respects. Delay takes place in the process of fulfilling the requirements relating to submission of Essentiality Certificate, photo copy of valid CGHS token card, filling of prescribed form, Counter-signature of competent medical authorities on Cash memos etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

Misuse of funds to control AIDS

6681. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank had served notices to the Central Government about the misuse of funds for combating AIDS;

(b) if so, the total loans given by World Bank during the last 3 years;

(c) how much amount of the loan has been spent so far on AIDS control;

(d) whether due to the failure of the Central Government, the World Bank

has been asking to withdraw the same; and

(e) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The World Bank loan for the scheme is US$ 84 million for the total project period, i.e. upto 31st March, 1997. The agreement with the World Bank became effective on 21st September, 1992. Between the period 21st September, 1992 and 31st March, 1994 a total of US$ 14.63 million has been drawn from the credit. Government of India have spent a sum of Rs. 61 crores (approximate) during the same period.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Facilities for testing of Blood in Orissa

6682. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) wheather it is a fact that despite funds being made available by the Central Government through the N.A.C.D., adequate facilities for testing of blood before its transfusion are yet to be established in the state of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details; and

(c) what action the Central Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) For providing HIV testing facilities in the State of Orissa, the Government of India have provided cash assistance of Rs. 79.544 lakhs from 1990 to March, 1994. Assistance has also been provided in kind in the form of Elisa equipment for setting up of Zonal Blood Testing Centres (ZBTCs). Arrangement have also been made for supply of HIV Test Kits for ZBTCs and District level blood banks. HIV testing is being done in Surveillance Centres, Orissa Red Cross Blood Bank at ZBTC, Cuttack, Berhampur, Burla and Capital Hospital at Bhubaneshwar.

Enquiry against professor of Paediatrics department of AIIMS

6683. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Deputy Secretary of Medical Council of India vide his D.O. MCI-211(2)/93-Regn/ 26141 dated 24th December, 1993 informed a Member of Parliament that enquiry against certain Professors/ Doctors of the Department of Paediatrics in All India Institute of Medical Sciences had been completed;

(b) if so, what were the terms of reference of the enquiry in question and what are the findings as per the report;

(c) whether the inquiry officer has recommended/proposed any punishment against the arring Professors/Doctors; and

(d) whether Government have taken any action on the said report, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The enquiry which was conducted by the then Dean of All India Institute of Medical Sciences to look into certain irregularities allegedly committed by a Pool Officer was duly considered by the Governing Body of the Institute, which is an autonomous organisation and it was decided to treat the matter as closed.